

**INDIANA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

**INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, CONFERENCE ROOM C  
402 W. WASHINGTON ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

**Members in Attendance:** Noble Stallons, Anita McColleston, John (Bob) Johnson, Roxsandra Clemons-McFarthing, Humbert Lopes, Richard (Dick) Grace

**Members Absent:** Geneva Sams, Glen Bonsett, Doris Parker, Ed Gottschling

**Staff in Attendance:** Celeste Stinson, Willie Poindexter, Jade Luchauer, Sheila Killebrew

**Visitors:** Melba Stallons, Michael Sullivan

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Noble Stallons brought the meeting to order. An amendment was made to the previous meeting minutes to have Commissioner Anita McColleston moved from "Members in Attendance" to "Members Absent." A motion was made to approve the minutes and was seconded, with unanimous approval from the Commission.

Chairperson Stallons said he was unable to attend the day's CHOICE Board meeting and designated Commissioner Humbert Lopes as his proxy. A motion was made to approve the change and was seconded, with unanimous approval from the Commission.

**Division of Aging Update:** Celeste Stinson provided an update for the Commission. She discussed the Golden Hoosier Awards, which was a joint effort between the Family and Social Services Administration and the Lieutenant Governor's office. Exceptional volunteers from each of the 16 areas were honored with the award in a special ceremony at the Governor's mansion in Indianapolis. Additionally, the Division of Aging was involved in the Indiana State Fair with an information booth in the exhibition hall. Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> was designated "Golden Hoosier Day" and Division staff distributed 350 state fair tickets to seniors, allowing them to enjoy the fair at no charge.

**Alzheimer's Issues:** Michael Sullivan from the Alzheimer's Association presented additional information to the Commissioners about Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their partnership with the Indiana State Department of Health. Commissioners asked a variety of questions, including the recommendations of the previous Alzheimer's Task Force and specifics of what Michael was requesting from the Commission.

**Livable Communities:** Noble listed and discussed characteristics of livable communities and said transportation is still the most pressing issue. At the next Commission meeting, Phil Stafford from Indiana University will present on livable communities.

**Commissioner Reports:** Some Commission members stated they were receiving many questions about their local Division of Family Resources offices. Commissioner Clemons-McFarthing reported on a meeting she attended regarding a new Medicaid rule.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, with unanimous approval from the Commission.